

Appl. No. 09/675,696  
Amdt. Dated October 14, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of July 14, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The examiner finally rejected claims 48-52 because they were not amended in response to the examiner's first office action. It appears that the examiner did not consider the arguments presented by the applicant in his response, and it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable for the reasons set forth in applicant's response to the first office action, among other reasons.

The examiner rejected claims 1, 31 and 32 on new grounds and for the reasons outlined in applicant's response to the first office action, among other reasons, applicant respectfully submits that these claims are allowable.

To expedite issuance of a patent, applicant is canceling finally rejected claims 1, 32, 33 and 48-52. Applicant reserves the right to further prosecute these claims in a continuation or divisional application.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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